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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE WAGON MASTER GENERAL¹

[September 26, 1775.]

1st. The Army being in three Divisions; Roxbury, Cambridge and Prospect Hill, under the Major Generals Ward, Lee, and Putnam; you are to have a sufficient Number of Teams for the Service of each Division.

2nd When any Person applies to you for a Team, he must produce an Order from the Commander in Chief, one of the Major Generals for whose Division the Service is to be done, or the Commissary General; otherwise you are not obliged to pay any Regard to it.

3rd Once a Week, (on every Saturday) you are to make a Return to the Commander in Chief of the Number of Teams in Service, and what Work they have been employed in the preceding Week, taking special Care not to put the Public to needless Charge, by providing and keeping more Teams than are absolutely necessary.

4th As to the Manner in which the Teams are to be fed, it will be best they should find themselves, and be paid accordingly. The Carts or Waggon may be numbered, and the Number with the Words, *Continental Army* on a Board put on some Part of the Cart or Waggon most easily seen. I am, Sir, etc.

¹ohn Goddard was Wagon Master General of the Continental Army.